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MINISTER LIEVANO'S GOOD OFFICES

REF: BOGOTA 6593

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ROGERS

SAN JOSE FOR AMBASSADOR MAILLARD

REF: BOGOTA

1. MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH

LIEVANO ON THE PANAMA PROBLEM.

2. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO US IF WHILE AT SANTA MARTA THE

COLOMBIANS COULD EXPAND FOR TORRIJOS ON THE THEME THAT THE

UNITED STATES' SERIOUS -- AND INCREASING -- INTERNAL POL-

ITICAL PROBLEMS VIS-A-VIS THE TREATY MAY MAKE IT ADVISABLE

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TO MAINTAIN STEADY PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT TIME

THEM SO THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THEIR VARIOUS STAGES DOES NOT INTRUDE ON THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS NEXT YEAR.

3. PROCEEDING IN THAT FASHION WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD ALLOW TIME TO BEGIN QUIETLY TO BUILD UP SUPPORT FOR A NEW TREATY IN THE UNITED STATES AND, HENCE, SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS FOR RATIFICATION.

4. YOU MIGHT ALSO WANT TO INVITE LIEVANO'S ATTENTION TO THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS AT MINNEAPOLIS (STATE 167086) REITERATING OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING. KISSINGER

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